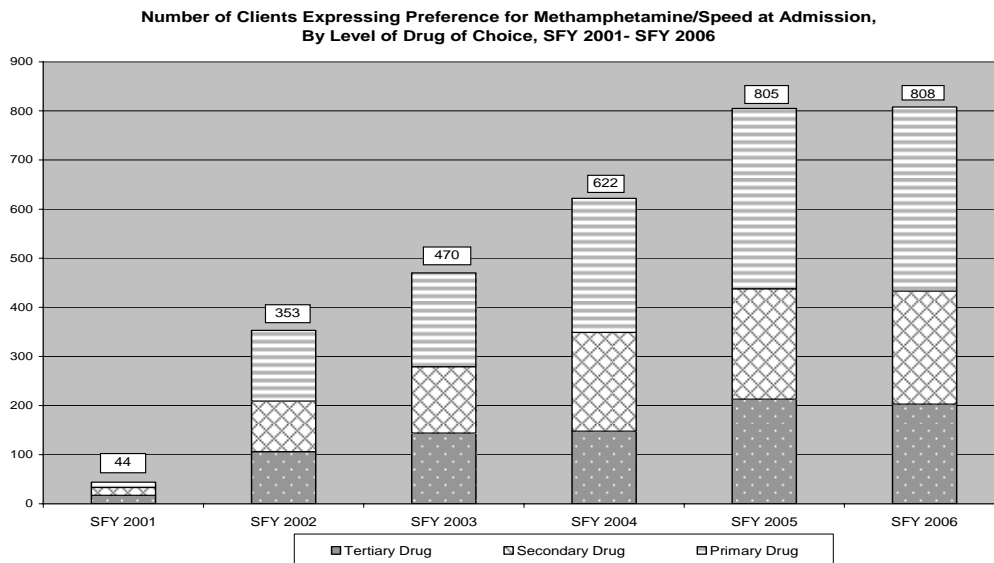


Ohio 2007 NASADAD State Snapshot on Methamphetamine



Admissions in Ohio's publicly funded substance abuse treatment system for clients with an identified drug of choice (primary, secondary, or tertiary) of methamphetamine/speed rose from 44 in SFY 2001 to 808 in SFY 2006. First reports about increases in methamphetamine production and abuse were obtained from the Akron area in 2000. Starting in 2002, most areas of the State were consistently reporting small increases in methamphetamine availability.

While Ohio's admissions for methamphetamine/speed have increased significantly since SFY 2001, overall, methamphetamine/speed still constitutes only a very small percentage of the total client admissions.

Demographics and Method of Administration: Trends Report from the Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring Network, June 2006

Users and law enforcement reported methamphetamine availability as being stable or declining in most areas of the State. Use continues to be limited to small networks of users, typically white individuals of middle to lower socioeconomic status and gay men.

Geographic variation in methamphetamine availability was reported. Akron and Columbus drug users reported availability as low and decreasing, and these reports were confirmed by crime lab professionals. Other areas of the State reported moderate availability of the drug. Methamphetamine prices were reportedly ranging between \$80 and \$120 per gram. Powder continues to be the most prevalent form reported by users and crime lab professionals, except in Columbus, where "glass"-type methamphetamine is reportedly more available. Smoking and intranasal inhalation were reported as the most common modes of administration. User groups continue to be described as white individuals of lower and middle class background in both urban and rural environments, and gay men in larger urban areas of the state.

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If **additional resources** were made available to improve services, the areas in most need of assistance would be:

- Staff training
- Sharing of best practices

State Action

The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (ODADAS) convened the Ohio Methamphetamine Response Workgroup. The Workgroup consists of the Attorney General and the directors of ODADAS, Agriculture, Environmental Protection, Commerce, Job and Family Services, Natural Resources, State Pharmacy Board, Public Safety, Rehabilitation and Correction, Health and Youth Services or their designees. The Attorney General and the director of ODADAS serve as co-chairs and each appointed six members to serve on the workgroup. The purpose of the workgroup is to develop, examine and support a strategic response to emerging and current illegal methamphetamine drug use trends.

Senate Bill 53 was signed into law in SFY 2006. Senate Bill 53, sponsored by Senator John Carey, aims to curb the availability of precursor chemicals that lead to manufacturing of methamphetamine as well as impose criminal sanctions for those who endanger children, manufacture methamphetamine or possess precursor chemicals.

Also, in 2003 a State Methamphetamine Summit was conducted. Summit participants came to learn as much as possible about methamphetamine, and to develop a working relationship with interested parties outside their own disciplines

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